



February 22, 2008

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
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EX PARTE NOTICE

Re: *Implementation of Section 224 of the Act; Amendment of the Commission's Rules and Policies governing Pole Attachments*, WC Docket No. 07-245; RM-11293; RM-11303.

High-Cost Universal Service Support, WC Docket No. 05-337 (Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 07-88).

Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service (CC Docket No. 96-45).

Developing a Unified Intercarrier Compensation Regime, CC Docket No. 01-92.

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On February 21, 2008, Tom Gerke, David Zesiger, Rondi Furgason, and David Bartlett, on behalf of Embarq, met with Chairman Kevin Martin and Ian Dillner of the Federal Communications Commission.

Embarq voiced its agreement with the Commission's tentative conclusion that there should be a competitively neutral, unified rate for pole attachments supporting broadband services. Embarq emphasized the importance of granular targeting of universal service support. Embarq noted its support for the interim cap on high-cost support for eligible telecommunications carriers, but explained the need to ensure that the cap does not inadvertently reduce existing Interstate Access Support for price cap incumbent local exchange carriers. Embarq also noted the importance of addressing the phantom traffic problem, and endorsed USTelecom's proposal for common-sense signaling rules.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules, a copy of this electronic notice is being filed in the above-referenced dockets.

Respectfully submitted,

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